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SENATOR MARVEL: I am opposed to it.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, are you opposed to this particular increase?

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes, I am going to vote against it.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR MARVEL: First of all, this isn't the bill to put it in and, secondly, I am not going to stand here on the floor of this Legislature and add to inflation. I realize it creates a problem. I realize the easiest way to solve inflation is simply to add to budgets. If everybody in the United States, including the federal government, continues to meet the inflation challenge this way, we will never stop inflation and people tell me, well, you can't stop it in your own backyard because Nebraska is too small. I refuse to accept that as an answer.

SENATOR NICHOL: Thank you. Now my point is this, we are on an emotional situation. None of us like to be on the spot and say I am opposed to anything having to do with retarded children and I am not either but I think we are setting a precedent right here at the beginning of our budget hearings and our budget deliberations whether or not each time a proposal comes up due to inflation, I am going to have to have another so much money, and I think we should start here whether or not we are going to follow this line of thought. Thank you.

SENATOR SAVAGE: The Chair recognizes Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. President, I have a question of our Clerk.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Mr. Clerk.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Clerk, will you please yield to a question? Did we recently vote on the possibility of a rules change that would have affected adding amendments to appropriation bills on the floor, and if we did, I would like an explanation of that please.

CLERK: The rules change that was recently adopted provided that amendments to amendments dealing with appropriations required 25 votes. These are amendments to a bill so they would have always required 25 votes anyway.

SENATOR STONEY: All right. Thank you.

SENATOR SAVAGE: There are no further lights on. Senator Burrows, do you wish to close?

SENATOR BURROWS: I do feel that this project is one of the most worthy in the state and that to meet commitment in full construction that was made it would require the additional \$225,000. I am not ungrateful for the Appropriations Committee redoing the language so that procedure can be made whether the addition is made or not.